

# CLINTON HILL NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Newark 8

## CONSTITUTION

New Jersey

The Clinton Hill Neighborhood Council is a non-partisan, representative, coordinating organization of the Clinton Hill area - the section of Newark bounded by Irvington on the west, Elizabeth Avenue on the east, Avon Avenue and Rose Terrace on the north, and Hawthorne Avenue on the south - and is affiliated with the Associated Community Councils of Newark.

### I. Aims and purposes.

- (a) To build a community spirit of cooperation and good will.
- (b) To advance the welfare of the community, including its housing, educational, and recreational facilities.
- (c) To gather and spread information on Clinton Hill's resources.
- (d) To develop wholesome patterns among its youth.
- (e) To welcome new neighbors.
- (f) To assist with and coordinate activities among individuals and groups sharing its aims.

### II. Membership is open to:

- (a) Individual residents of Clinton Hill who agree with the aims and purposes of the Council. Such persons may become members of the Council upon payment of dues as set by the Executive Board. If a street or block branch of the Council exists near their residence, they may affiliate with that branch and participate in its activities.
- (b) Institutions and organizations of a non-partisan nature, indigenous to Clinton Hill, who agree with the aims and purposes of the Council. They may be civic, religious, welfare, tenant, street, householder, fraternal, business, or similar in nature. Such institutions become members upon approval of the Executive Board and payment of dues. Institutions and organizations shall choose two delegates to represent them at Council Executive Board meetings.
- (c) Persons whose occupation, business, or profession is centered in Clinton Hill. They may become members upon payment of dues as set by the Executive Board.

### III. Street-block branches.

Council members residing on a street within the defined Clinton Hill area, in such numbers as the Executive Board shall deem adequate, may form a branch of the Council. Branches handle problems which concern their particular street or blocks, resolvable through the cooperative efforts of the residents of those blocks. Branches shall annually elect a chairman, vice-chairman, and recorder, and such other officers as they deem necessary; and shall be represented at Executive Board and Block Steering Committee meetings by two elected delegates.

Branches refer to the Council for action those problems which cannot be resolved on a block level. The Council in turn may refer problems requiring coordinated city-wide support to the Associated Community Councils of Newark or such other non-partisan organizations as it may deem necessary.

#### IV. Executive Board.

There shall be an Executive Board to include two delegates from each institution or organization, two delegates from each branch, and the elected officers. The Executive Board shall decide Council policy and shall meet at least once every two months.

#### V. Council officers.

Officers shall be a President, at least four Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. Officers shall be elected for a two year term. No officer may serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office.

#### VI. There shall be an Executive Committee to include the Council officers and chairmen of the Standing Committees: Recreation, Block Steering, Block Organizing, Zoning, Housing, Education, Welfare and Welfare, Planning, Budget and Finance, Health and Sanitation, Communications, Program, and Public Affairs. The Executive Committee shall carry out policy set by the Executive Board.

#### VII. Advisory Board.

There shall be an Advisory Board elected by the Executive Board.

#### VIII. Election of officers.

The president shall appoint with the approval of the Executive Board a nominating committee of at least five members who will submit a slate of officers to be approved by the Executive Board. There shall be a general membership meeting in November at which the approved slate is presented and additional nominations may be received. One ballot returnable at the January meeting of the Executive Board shall be mailed to each member. Officers shall assume office on February 1st.

#### IX. Standing Committees.

Chairmen of the standing committees shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Executive Board. The Executive Board may constitute such other committees as they deem necessary.

#### X. Amendments.

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the total membership of the Executive Board, after discussion at a regular Executive Board meeting.

#### XI. Effective date of the Constitution.

This Constitution shall become effective upon approval of the Executive Board.  
(Approved Nov. 21, 1957)

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